

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1307

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to designate a bridge on Interstate 65 over the Duck River in Maury County as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, millions of brave American men and women have served their country in the United States Armed Forces, and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, their meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the valiant members of the United States Armed Forces have continued to inspire our confidence, loyalty, and support; and

WHEREAS, from Valley Forge to Iraq, Afghanistan, and the war-torn nations of Africa, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East, the members of the United States Armed Forces have served on behalf of their country time and time again; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor those courageous men and women who have made sacrifices to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to name a certain bridge on Interstate 65 in honor of the veterans who have sacrificed personal concerns and their safety, with many of them giving their lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the bridge on Interstate 65 that spans the scenic Duck River in Maury County is hereby designated the "Veterans Memorial Bridge" in honor of the many veterans of

the United States Armed Forces who have served with the greatest dedication, skill, and compassion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in the first resolving clause as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge" .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation by Maury County within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Maury County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department within thirty (30) days of Maury County receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.